

## **Naturescape at Hillview**

**The Naturescape sub-committee looked at several potential sites for a Naturescape in 2014. These included Hetch-Hetchy, McKenzie Park, Redwood Grove and Woodland Library. We rated each site's suitability for the project including location, accessibility, naturalness, parking, water, restrooms and other factors.**

**As the civic center /community center plan and bond measure was being debated and prepared for a vote in 2015, we purposely omitted Hillview as a site for the Naturescape. Now that the community center discussion is underway, we would propose that a Naturescape element be included in a new Hillview community center plan. It meets all of the parameters set out in our earlier review of potential sites.**

**The existing Hillview Community Center site is approximately 2 acres. A new community center with a footprint of 25-30,00 sf would leave ample room for a reasonably sized Naturescape on the south east portion of the site. It could wrap around the community center building and provide a natural- feeling space for children to play and a quiet space for seniors and others to stroll, rest and meditate. It could incorporate a Bocce Ball court, as well. It would not intrude on the athletic fields, or existing parking. It would be neighbor friendly by providing a buffer between the community center activities and the nearby residences.**

**One of Park & Recreation primary goals was to find new parkland in Northern Los Altos. This, in effect would create a new park.**